GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5001
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SETTING UP OF LOW POWER EARTH STATIONS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up low power earth stations in all major cities/ towns by the end of the Ninth Five year Plan;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof with objectives;

(c) whether any progress in this regard has since been made in Maharashtra so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e): At present satellite uplinking facility through an earth station is available at 23 Doordarshan stations in the country and projects for setting up of similar facilities are presently under implementation at Port Blair, Panaji, Shimla, Jammu and Leh.In Maharashtra, satellite uplinking facilities have been set up at the Doordarshan Kendras inMumbai and Nagpur at an approximate cost of Rs.8.75 crores. As the project costs for setting up of earth stations are very high, there is no plan to set up such stations in all major cities and towns. However, important events of other cities are covered using Digital Satellite News Gathering Systems, Electronic News Gathering Systems and Outdoor Broadcasting Vans.